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This is a response to the non final Office Action of November 30, 2001. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

✓ IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, as follows:

5 In addition, the surface hardness of the surface layer 5 is desirably not less than H in
terms of pencil hardness. [H in terms of pencil hardness is stated in JIS (Japanese Industry
Standard) S 6005 (Leads for mechanical pencils), where JIS S 6005 corresponds to ISO
(International Organization for Standardization) 9177-2 (Black leads in mechanical pencils --
Classification and dimensions) and ISO 9177-3 (Black leads in mechanical pencils -- Bending
10 strengths of HB leads).] The results of a collision test against a pickup have indicated that, if
the light incident side surface of the optical disc 1 has a pencil hardness not less than H, the
optical disc is not damaged on collision against the objective lens. It is furthermore desirable
that the surface hardness of the surface layer 5 is not less than 2H in terms of pencil hardness.
This effectively prohibits the optical disc 1 from being damaged due to contact with the
15 objective lens.